

Mount Joy Borough Council

Special Budget Meeting Minutes

November 4, 2021

The Mount Joy Borough Council held a Special Budget Meeting on November 4, 2021.

Council Vice-President Deering called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Invocation was given by Mayor Bradley, followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call - Present were: Councilors Deering, Ginder, Reese, Ruschke, Youngerman and Mayor Bradley. Councilors Eichler and Fahndrich were absent. Council President Hall arrived at 6:55pm and Councilor Castaldi arrived at 8:00pm.

Also present were; Borough Manager, Mark Pugliese; Assistant Borough Manager, Jill Frey; Public Works Director, Dennis Nissley; Assistant Public Works Director, David Salley; Chief Goshen, and Codes and Zoning Officer, Stacie Gibbs.

Executive Session

Council went into executive session at 6:35pm to discuss Police Collective Bargaining Agreement. Hall announced to reserve a possible Executive Session at the end of the meeting. Council came out of executive session at 7:15 PM. No decisions were made.

Public Input Period

Dale Murray, 120 Farmington Way, spoke concerning the funding for future planning of a new building. He said he hopes there would be no intention of putting a lot of money into the budget for this without public discussion and a close look at all options.

2022 General Fund Budget Discussion

Pugliese gave a presentation of the 2022 Draft Budget. He reviewed and explained the Budget workbooks given to Council, fund balances and the 5-year plan.

Mayor Bradley asked if the 5-year plan has run through committees. Pugliese said that they were not. Mayor Bradley said he thinks it is a good idea to do that and Pugliese agreed.

Pugliese reviewed and explained the expense line items for General Administration, one by one.

President Hall questioned line item 01.409.360, the utility cost for the Borough, specifically PP&L cost, and said he heard it projected for a 26% increase. He recommended increasing this line item from \$9,500 to \$11,000. Council agreed and the change was made.

Mayor Bradley questioned revenue line item 01.342.100. He said he thinks it is projected too high and suggested decreasing it from \$4,500. to \$3,000. Council agreed and the change was made.

President Hall suggested to zero out the fund balance line item, 01.301.001 to better reflect the ending balance of the budget. Council agreed and the change was made.

Pugliese continued to review and explain the remaining expense line items for General Administration.

Chief Goshen reviewed and explained the expense line items for Public Safety, one by one.

Mayor Bradley suggested that line item 01.410.330 be increased due to increased fuel prices. Council discussed and agreed to increase from \$16,000. to \$20,000, and change was made.

Deering spoke of line item 01.410.500, Drug Task Force, and noted that we have not paid this for several years. Chief Goshen said that although it was put in the budget each year, Council decided not to contribute to the Drug Task Force. Mayor Bradley said that if they eliminate this, they should reallocate the money back to the Officers to cover the cost they occur for their time involved with activities they do that the Drug Task Force would normally do.

Gibbs reviewed and explained the expense line items for Zoning, Codes and Planning, one by one.

Nissley reviewed and explained the expense line items for Public Works, one by one.

Mayor Bradley suggested possibly moving the Assistant Public Works Director's salary to the Public Works section of the budget, instead of the Stormwater section of the budget. President Hall said he would rather keep it in Stormwater and relabel it to, 'Assistant Public Works Director/Stormwater Enforcement Officer'.

Salley reviewed and explained the expense line items for Stormwater, one by one.

Nissley reviewed and explained the expense line items for Parks, one by one.

Pugliese reviewed and explained the expense line items for Benefits, one by one.

Mayor Bradley spoke of the salary increases. He asked if there was a philosophy as far as where the recommended increases came from. Pugliese explained that they were generated from surveys of surrounding Municipalities and the survey released from Pa. State Assoc. of Borough's, to bring our employees to where they should be.

Pugliese asked for direction for the remainder of the meeting. Hall suggested, due to the time and the items for review in the second executive session, to review the other funds and the General Fund revenues at the next budget meeting. Council agreed.

Council went into executive session at 9:55pm.

Council came out of executive session at 10:20pm.

Youngerman suggested that line item 01.410.314 be increased from \$10,000. to \$35,000. Council agreed and the change was made.

Youngerman suggested that all non-uniform employee's salaries be adjusted to 3%. Council agreed. Changes will be made, with the updated budget sent to Council.

Any Other Matter Proper to Come Before the Council

None.

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Castaldi, meeting was adjourned at 10:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mark G. Pugliese I
Borough Manager